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Subject: Microsoft Settlement -- (Netscape issue)

U.S. Department Of Justice,

I am disgusted by Netscape / AOL's move to sue Microsoft, over allegations that Microsoft's Internet Explorer illegally "harmed" Netscape's (browser product).

This is getting insane. I find it curious that AOL decided to buy Netscape DURING the existing DoJ trial, when it was no secret that the success of Internet Explorer was and is based on IE's merit, usability, compatibility and overall superiority to Netscape's browser, and not on any virtue of "market share" on the part of Microsoft or IE.

AOL / Time Warner needs to cut the cry-baby crap, and quit hiding behind litigation to protest Microsoft's success. Bill Gates and his team enjoy success (albeit against continual interference from lawyers and the government) ? because Bill Gates produces superior and affordable software. End of story.

As a Web Site developer, I (am compelled) to run a current version of Netscape (Navigator) alongside my copy of Internet Explorer; to work-out "incompatibility" issues with the Sites I write. Hands-down, I have no problems with IE, yet Netscape refuses to display certain graphics and such. Point being made again ? I, and may people CHOOSE to use IE because it is a better product.

In closing, I request that the DoJ give credence to the spirit of Free Enterprise and NOT grant AOL's greedy lawyers any (judgment or penalty) against Microsoft. Leave the world's best software-maker alone, so they can continue their mission of creating innovative and desirable software.

Some of my colleagues prefer the Netscape product, and that's great, too... People need to be free to make their own decisions based on what works, and what works for them. Let the market be dictated by the quality and merit of a product ? not by lawyers or courts. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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